

SPORTS



Seaside golfers Carson Kawasoe, left, and Curtis Kunde would have contended for a state title on the course this spring. Academically, both helped the Gulls to No. 1 in the classroom in the state.

Seaside, Warrenton teams are No. 1 in academics

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There is no competition on the field, but two local sports teams scored big academic wins last week, with the release of the Oregon School Activities Association’s spring sports academic awards.

Seaside boys golf and Warrenton baseball — two teams which would have contended for state championships on the course and the diamond in the coming weeks — finished with the No. 1-ranked grade point averages for class 4A boys golf and 3A baseball in the OnPoint Community Credit Union academic all-state results.

Seaside boys golf had a cumulative 3.87 grade point average, while Warrenton baseball had a 3.78 GPA to lead 3A baseball.

“We have two goals every year, and as far as preparing for life, this is the more important of the two,” said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. “We would have loved to have had a chance at winning a title on the course next week, but it is great to have them awarded for the work they do in the classroom.”

The Cowapa League is home to some of the smartest 4A boys golfers in the state, as Tillamook was second (3.73), and Valley Catholic third (3.70).

In addition to having the No. 1-ranked academic 3A baseball team, Warrenton was also second in the state in softball (3.66) and girls golf (3.94).

“We have a good group of kids in the building who are highly motivated students in athletics, socially and academically,” said Warrenton baseball coach Lennie Wolfe. “The school and the students have made tremendous improvements in the last year, and it’s all due to a great faculty and education assistants.”

Two of whom, Wolfe said, are Craig Horton and Kate Gruetter, who help keep tabs on students and their academic progress.

The Seaside boys golf team — state champions in 2014 and 2015 — was expected to be one of the favorites in 2020, right behind defending state champion Marist.

Still, every single golfer on the Gulls’ 2020 roster will return in 2021.

Before the current season

was canceled, Poetsch said, “Curtis Kunde (Jr.), Carson Kawasoe (So.) and Chris Bodner (Jr.) have all put in a ton of work to get ready for the season.

“Curtis and Carson are two of the best players in the state, and Chris should have a solid season if we get a chance to play. After that, Kaleb Bartel (So.), Ever Sibony (So.), Owen Higdon, Leif DeWinter (Jr.), Connor Langmo (So.) and Riley Wunderlich (Fr.) will battle for the other two varsity spots.”

For now, Seaside boys golf is No. 1 in this spring’s virtual classroom.

“It is important to these kids to excel in the classroom despite the time required on the golf course to be successful there as well,” Poetsch said. “They are great role models for younger athletes. With this term being disrupted by the coronavirus, I am especially grateful to have kids that are willing to continue to work hard to achieve their academic goals.”

Other local teams ranked in the top 10 academically: Seaside girls golf (third, 3.88); Seaside softball (sixth, 3.54) and Astoria girls track (10th, 3.51).

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Miles Rudduck, left, at a protest in Seaside in April.

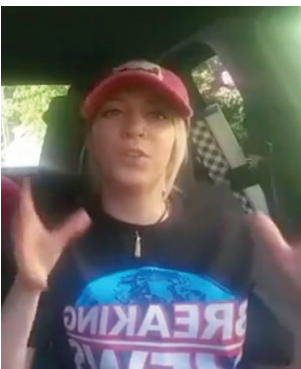
Seaside: Some are frustrated by government restrictions

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Reopen the Coast is “a peaceful event and not a protest,” Adams said. “It’s just a gathering of folks speaking and not creating any harm.”

Others aren’t so sure.

Ties between the organizers and the Proud Boys and Patriot Prayer — groups that have been involved in violent clashes in Portland — are strong enough to concern city officials.



Haley Adams in a YouTube video advocating for reopening the beach.

“We aren’t Proud Boys nor Patriot Prayer,” Adams said. “We are individuals.”

But, Adams added, she has “nothing bad” to say about the Proud Boys or Patriot Prayer.

“It’s definitely on our radar,” Jon Rahl, Seaside’s public information officer, said.

Clatsop County Sheriff Matt Phillips said the sheriff’s office is paying attention to the demonstration and that he has been in communication with Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham.

Phillips said the county has partnerships with other sheriff’s offices that can come and assist if needed. “Sheriff offices work very well and cooperatively around the state to support each other in a number of functions, and this would be one of them,” he said.

The local Facebook group, Seaside OR Reopening Discussion, reposted the event invitation, to a clamor of remarks. David Posalski, the administrator

of the Facebook group, said the group has no affiliation with Reopen the Coast, and he asked organizers to cancel the event.

“They have zero reason to be in our community,” Jimmy Griffin, of Seaside Brewing Co., said of the organizers. “We don’t need these people coming into our community lecturing us on our First and Second amendment rights. They’re not contributing one positive thing to what we’re doing here. They’re just here hoping to cause chaos like they do everywhere else.”

Portland resident and co-organizer Kareem Jamahl Patton said he was “fed up” with Gov. Kate Brown’s response to the pandemic. “Do you really think shutting down their economy helps the state of Oregon as a whole? I’m not convinced,” he said.

Patton said the lockdown restricts beach access to those who own homes on the coast. “Literally only

very wealthy people are allowed to visit the beach,” he said.

Astoria resident Miles Rudduck, who joined in a Seaside beach closure protest in April, said the effects of the lockdown outweigh the risk of the virus’s spread.

“I’d say you’re risking your life by not getting out and getting vitamin D,” Rudduck said. “You’re risking your life by not getting out and enjoying yourself emotionally. I would say that for me to get out, if I do an extra trip to the store and spend a little bit of money, I might be saving one of my friends from losing his business.”

People are going to die “no matter what,” Rudduck said. “Staying home and watching this happen is much worse than getting out and living their lives.”

The City Council was expected to discuss reopening the beach on Monday night. Will participants at the demonstration violate city orders if the beach remains closed on Saturday?

“That is something that we will probably see as it plays out live,” Rudduck said. “I think these things kind of unfold as they unfold.”

Griffin said Seaside “literally needs to ignore these people. Let them come out and film each other giving each other coronavirus. We need to stay home and let this pack of screaming seagulls tear each other apart.”

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
60 50	59 47	59 45	63 48	66 48	61 48	60 48
Cloudy, a little rain	Rain and drizzle	A shower in the area	A shower in spots	Chance of rain	Cloudy, rain possible	A chance of rain

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures	
High/low	63/50
Normal high/low	60/45
Record high	86 in 1941
Record low	34 in 1967
Precipitation	
Sunday	0.00"
Month to date	1.46"
Normal month to date	1.21"
Year to date	33.52"
Normal year to date	31.50"

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Monday before sunrise, the waning gibbous moon is near Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:46 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:38 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:35 a.m.
Moonset today	10:25 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full

May 14 May 22 May 29 June 5

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:58 a.m.	7.9	12:17 p.m.	-0.1	
6:57 p.m.	6.7	none		
Cape Disappointment	4:36 a.m.	8.0	11:27 a.m.	-0.3
6:39 p.m.	6.6	11:37 p.m.	3.9	
Hammond	4:48 a.m.	8.1	11:43 a.m.	-0.5
6:45 p.m.	6.7	11:55 p.m.	3.6	
Warrenton	4:53 a.m.	8.3	12:01 p.m.	0.0
6:52 p.m.	7.1	none		
Knappa	5:35 a.m.	8.2	12:23 a.m.	2.7
7:34 p.m.	7.0	1:18 p.m.	-0.1	
Depoe Bay	3:50 a.m.	7.9	10:58 a.m.	-0.7
5:56 p.m.	6.6	11:09 p.m.	3.7	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	72/53/pc	79/58/c
Boston	57/38/s	59/42/s
Chicago	60/41/pc	64/53/pc
Dallas	76/67/t	86/68/pc
Denver	75/49/pc	78/43/pc
Honolulu	85/69/pc	84/71/pc
Houston	86/70/c	88/70/pc
Los Angeles	70/56/pc	72/57/pc
Miami	84/75/pc	83/76/t
New York City	59/40/s	62/46/s
Phoenix	93/67/s	90/66/s
San Francisco	67/52/c	67/52/pc
Wash., DC	62/44/pc	67/49/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	64/38/sh	61/36/sh
Brookings	56/47/r	56/49/r
Ilwaco	59/52/r	59/50/r
Newberg	60/48/r	60/48/r
Newport	58/48/r	56/48/r

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
North Bend	60/48/r	59/50/r
Roseburg	63/47/r	61/49/r
Seaside	60/50/r	59/49/r
Springfield	61/47/r	59/48/r
Vancouver	62/50/r	61/50/r